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## MEMBERS DRIVE FOR BUNDABERG AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Mayor of Bundaberg, Councillor Mal Forman, joined Museum and Gallery Services Queensland (M&GSQ) at the Bundaberg Regional Council Chambers on Friday 30 November, in congratulating **Bundaberg & District Historical Museum on a great year of achievement.** The community museum is located in Bundaberg's beautiful Botanic Gardens.

M&GSQ's Executive Director, Rebekah Butler said today,

'The Bundaberg And District Historical and Museum is to be commended for its achievements during its year-long participation in M&GSQ's Standards Program and for their plans for a membership drive.'

According to M&GSQ's Standards Program Reviewers, Lisa Jones and Ross Bower, industry experts who played a vital role in providing pro bono professional advice and assistance throughout the Program:

"Members of the Bundaberg & District Historical and Museum Society (BDHMS) can feel proud that they took on the Standards Program with gusto. BDHMS run an organised museum and archive and have used the Standards process to gather more advice and information on improving the overall procedures and processes of the organisation, and ultimately the visitor experience."

Christine Spence, Coordinator of the Bundaberg & District Historical Museum, summed up the program's outcome:

"The Program assisted our members to ensure we are on the correct path to continue improving our museum practice to preserve and present our local history."

If you would like to join this community museum's energetic team contact the President, Anne Hansen, on phone 07 4152 0101.

M&GSQ's Standards Program supports collecting museums and galleries to build skills and capacity, plan for a sustainable future, identify strategic priorities for improvement, develop an action plan and ensure the safeguarding and accessibility of these collections for their communities.

**The museum's profile is attached.**

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**IMAGE CAPTION**

**Image 1** – Mayor Mal Forman of Bundaberg along with North Burnett Mayor Don Waugh present a Certificate of Recognition to the Bundaberg and District Historical Museum represented by Estelle Hansen.

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